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Dear Danny:

You indicate in your memo of August 22 that the Intelligence Community Staff will be conducting a post mortem on the role of intelligence during the Cyprus crisis. I agree that there could be considerable value in reviewing the quality of intelligence support provided to policy-makers both before and after July 15, in a manner similar to earlier post mortem studies.

However, I do not believe it is feasible, as you suggest, for the Intelligence Community Staff to go beyond the question of intelligence support and to "review the policy-making process as it developed during the Cyprus crisis..." Such an effort would go well beyond the mandate of the Intelligence Community, and would be very difficult to handle in the State Department. I hope that this aspect of the post mortem will be limited to a general review of what impact intelligence might have had to key points. The extent to which State did or did not act on any given intelligence is a policy judgment beyond the purview of the Intelligence Community.

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